

March 07, 2016

PRESENT: Rusty Bridle, Vice-Chairman
Phil Bean, Selectman
Jim Waddell, Selectman
Frederick Welch, Town Manager
Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Rick Griffin, Chairman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Selectmen

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Public Comment Period (5:15)

Emma Donnelly, Winnacunnet Road: thank Mr. Welch about providing information about the clock; concerned about the clock being placed on Centre School property; concerned about the decibel level; would like to request a public comment or input before the clock is placed on the school property.

Richard Reniere, Highland Avenue: requests that the Town allow resident sticker people to use the municipal lot while the other two Church Street lots are being used by the DPW as staging lots

Selectman Bridle: last week that was part of the discussion

Charlie Preston: hoping to change minds on Article 38; HBAC did not take the position to support Article 38; Hampton taxpayers should not give up a valuable asset at this time; can revisit this in 1-2 years.

Jerry Znoj, Presidential Circle: speaking on behalf of the Rational Taxpayers; speaking about the Town Manager's Report item #5; scrutinized report and came up with three questions and argued that protocol was not followed; said it would be brought up and protocol discussed, questions have gone unanswered. Members have written to the auditor and we want answers to those three questions.

Mike St. Laurent: race director for the Habit of Hampton's race; wants to thank the Town for letting them host the race; made a great effort to reduce the inconvenience for the residents; made donations to the food pantries; made donations to local track team.

Jerry Bolt: asking to make beach whole again and go back to the original schedule of trash/recycling pick-up.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar (23:33)

Selectman Waddell: speedy recovery to Mary-Louise hope she is getting and feeling better; get out and vote, please read the warrant articles and know what you are voting on.

Selectman Bridle: wish Mary-Louise well and urge you to get out and vote.

III. Consent Agenda (24:00)

1. 2016 Veterans Requalification: Cameron, Kay VET \$500 209/41; Curren, Sally SPOUSE \$500 127/86; Cutis, Peter VET \$500 113/17; Dignam, Gerald VET \$500 163/49; Klotz, John VET \$500 172/6/13; Lamie, Marion SPOUSE \$500 169/6; Zahndt, Kenneth VET \$500 138/1/76
2. 2016 New Veteran Credit: Brinser, Harry B. VET \$500 90/32/H58; Kackenmeister, Carl VET \$500 124/6/43; Stiers, Michael L. VET \$500 192/75; Weatherby, David VET \$500 89/22
3. 2016 Elderly Requalification: Curran, Sally ELDERLY \$150,000 127/86; Dignam, Gerald ELDERLY \$178,000 163/49; Lamie, Marion ELDERLY \$150,000 169/6; Moody, Arthur J. ELDERLY \$178,000 163/69; Perry, Abby Lee ELDERLY \$178,000 138/1/24; Samuelson, Thomas ELDERLY \$150,000 113/15; Zahndt, Kenneth ELDERLY \$178,000 138/1/76
4. 2016 Disability Requalification: Kalil, Deborah A. DISABILITY \$125,000 161/30/A
5. Hampton Cemetery Deed: James Duhamel Estate (Replaces "Gearheart")
6. 181 Ashworth Avenue
 - a. Termination of Lease
 - b. Quitclaim Deed
 - c. HUD Closing Statement
 - d. Declaration of Understanding (Tax Stamps)
7. Parade and Public Gathering License
 - a. Blue Ocean Society Marine Conservation "Run for the Ocean" 06-04-2016
 - b. Alzheimer's' Association "Ride to End Alzheimer's 06-11-2016
8. Raffle Permit
 - a. Experience Hampton, Inc. "The Old Salt 30th Year Anniversary" 10-22-2016
9. Donations to Conservation Commission
 - a. Charlie Gasperoni Eagle Scout Project
 - i. Remaining Project Funds of \$260.43
 - ii. Donation amount for Signage Replacement up to Statutory Limit RSA 31:95-b.III,(b)
 - b. Rain Barrel Program
 - i. Aquarion Water Company - Eight Barrels (8*75 = \$600)
 - ii. Wicked Awesome Paint - Primer and Paint (\$500)
 - iii. Wayne's Auto Body – Protective Clear Coat for Painted Barrels (\$1,200)

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to MOVE the Consent Agenda SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 3-0-0

IV. Appointments (25:21)

1. Chris Jacob, Director DPW & Jen Hale, Deputy Director DPW
 - a. Church Street Sewer Force Main Update

Director Jacobs: we met with the engineers and went through all the cost estimates and plan of attack; agreed on the same plan as last week, firmed the plans up by meeting with the State of NH Wetlands Bureau. By Wednesday we are applying for an emergency wetlands permit to access the marsh and open it up; using floatable mats; hoping impact will be minimal; one week of access, one week of construction and one week to pull out. We have also instructed Wright-Pierce to move ahead with the idea of formalizing a proposal to come with the idea/intent of going up Route 101; we also floated that idea by the Wetlands Bureau, and the representative was supportive.

Selectman Waddell: doing a good job, glad state is cooperative; nothing we can do until it is dug up.

Director Jacobs: we feel confident that it is a manageable size break.

Ms. Hale: we hope to start with mats next Monday; we are about two weeks away; will have answers the week of the 21st.

Selectman Bridle: you have done an excellent job of keeping this board and the citizens involved.

V. Approval of Minutes (30:38)

1. February 22, 2016

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to APPROVE the February 22, 2016 Minutes SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 3-0-0

2. February 29, 2019 Sealed Non-public

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to APPROVE the February 29, 2016 Minutes SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 3-0-0

VI. Town Manager's Report (31:00)

1. Everyone please remember to vote tomorrow, March 8, 2016 from 7AM to 8PM at Winnacunnet High School.
2. I would request that the Board take a formal vote to close the leased parking lot on Church Street next to the Church Street Station as well the Church Street Station lot so that the two lots can be used for construction work on the sewer force main.

Town Manager Welch: if we cannot fix the pipe then we will have to go to an emergency town meeting, as it will costs thousands of dollars to place a pipe across there.

Selectman Bridle: we have had questions/concerns last week and heard them about allowing residents to park in the town lots.

Town Manager Welch: they can park in any parking lot they want whether it is the Church Street, Island Path lot or the Ashworth Avenue lot during this temporary situation.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to close the Church Street Parking next to Church Street Station as well as parking lot at the Church Street Station SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 3-0-0

3. I would request that the Board take a formal vote to exempt the emergency excavation of the Church Street Sewer force main and associated work from the purchasing policy.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to exempt the emergency excavation of the Church Street Sewer force main and associated work from the purchasing policy SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 3-0-0

4. I would request that the Board authorize the Department of Public Works to submit an application to FEMA for the replacement of the Plaice Cove Seawall.

Selectman Bean MOTIONED the authorization of the DPW to submit an application to FEMA for the replacement of the Plaice Cove Seawall.

VOTE: 3-0-0

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to waive purchasing policy Chapter 718-15c(2) to purchase the flow meters for \$3,633.60 SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 3-0-0

5. Communication with the Town's Auditors – Recent attempts by certain individuals to question the Town's Auditors regarding the audit contained language that was considered by the Auditors to be threatening and harassing. All communication concerning the audit are to be addressed to the Board of Selectmen, by prior vote of the Board, as engagement with the Auditors is only between the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager and the Finance Director.

Selectman Waddell: saw the letter that was sent to the auditors and I would agree 100% that it is harassment; saying they, want an answer or they are going either to the press or to the State. That is not their job to go to the auditors and do that; we hire the auditors to audit our books to tell us whether we are following rules and doing these properly; that is all made public; the audit is public knowledge. One group does not like the answer they are getting; the answer to the unassigned fund balance has been answered a number of times; it has been answered in the audit; it has been answered by the Finance Director. Their questions have been answered; it was harassment to go to the auditors and they had no right to do that.

Selectman Bean: Norm is just trying to get back at us because we were doing our job on his SEC problem; the 3 or 4 people from the Rational Taxpayers, most of them are elected officials that were not put back in their seat by the voters of Hampton. What I find problematic is it is an anonymous group and most of them are elected officials serving on budget committees. There is something eerie and something not right with elected officials being on anonymous boards, sending threatening letters and opining the way they do, that is not the spirit of democracy, that is not the spirit of Hampton and it has not worked well. Elections are coming up tomorrow and will be happy to see those results and the people who think like Mr. Silberdick

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and act like Mr. Silberdick in anonymity, and slander people's names and attack accomplished executives that work for this town. If they suggest that the accounting firm that does the auditor has some integrity issues they can call the Attorney General's Office; enough with the nonsense.

6. In order to lay new pipes will need a special Town Meeting; Army Corp of Engineering approval; EPA approval; State DES approval; State DOT approval; lengthy process and will need to move forward as soon as

VII. Old Business (44:35)

VIII. New Business (44:39)

1. Hampton Representative Vacancy to the Coastal Risks and Hazard Commission

Town Manager Welch: received a letter from the Regional Planning Commission concerning a vacancy that currently exists; David Wood has resigned, he was the Chairman, he has moved out of Town. We have one email and request from the Town Planner to fill the vacancy.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to appoint the Town Planner to fill the vacancy SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 3-0-0

2. Intergovernmental Agreement for the Town Clock

Town Manager Welch: that is ready for approval and then be sent over to the school board for their approval and signature

Selectman Bridle: this is a Town owned building, however, the building is going to be on school property; once this is signed, is there anything that comes up after this

Town Manager Welch: they are required to obtain the necessary permits under the statute in order to do the work.

Selectman Bridle: I would suggest if anyone has, any questions concerning this, get a hold of the clock committee, www.hamptonclock.org; they spoke about how the bell could be muffled or silenced at night.

Selectman Waddell: in the agreement could we include something about the noise; I would like to see something in there to address the concerns of the people who live close by, so we would not burden people.

Town Manager Welch: I will have counsel redraft it

3. Chinburg Properties "263 Drakeside Road"

a. Acceptance of Bond for Off-site Public Improvements for \$68,825

Town Manager Welch: they are going to put sewer in at their own cost; this is sewer on town property.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to Accept of Bond for Off-site Public Improvements for \$68,825 SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 3-0-0

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- b. Connection of Private Force Main Gravity Sewer System to Town Sewer System
(Approval conditioned on receiving the Bond and Certificate of Insurance)

Town Manager Welch: the bond has not submitted.

Selectman Waddell: this is something that the Planning Board and DPW approved, so it has been through all the process and everyone has talked about and approved it.

Town Manager Welch: yes.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Connection of Private Force Main Gravity Sewer System to Town Sewer System (Approval conditioned on receiving the Bond and Certificate of Insurance) SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 3-0-0

IX. Closing Comments (50:38)

Regina Barnes, Presidential Circle: remind everyone to vote tomorrow, 7AM to 8PM.

X. Adjournment (51:02)

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to adjourn the public meeting at 7:45 PM SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 3-0-0

Rusty Bridle, Vice Chairman